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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 5287.01		REPLY DUE	within TWO months from the above date of mailing
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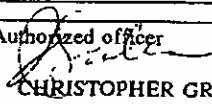
1. This written opinion is the first (first, etc.) drawn by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.
2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I Basis of the opinion
 - II Priority
 - III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
 - IV Lack of unity of invention
 - V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI Certain documents cited
 - VII Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII Certain observations on the international application
3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.
4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 13 AUGUST 2001

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages 1-74 _____, as originally filed

pages NONE _____, filed with the demand

pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages 75-86 _____, as originally filed

pages NONE _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages NONE _____, filed with the demand

pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the drawings:

pages 1-53 _____, as originally filed

pages NONE _____, filed with the demand

pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE _____, as originally filed

pages NONE _____, filed with the demand

pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the written opinion was drawn on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in printed form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages NONE
- the claims, Nos. NONE
- the drawings, sheets/figs NONE

5. This opinion has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed".

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-109</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-109</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-109</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations

Claims 1-109 novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Hendricks.

Considering claims 1, 34, 64 and 71, Hendricks discloses a method for ordering and distributing electronic books comprising:

- (1) receiving a data stream representing a book (from 282 to 250, figure 1);
- (2) processing the data stream comprising:

- (a) encrypting (figure 5: step 504, page 10, lines 9-20, page 11, lines 10-11);
- (b) add error correction (pages 11, lines 10-11 and step 504);
- (c) convert (step 503);

- (d) compress (MPEG data, figure 18b);
- (e) multiplex (1064, figure 18b);

- (3) broadcasting (208, figure 2)

- (4) displaying (figure 14b-14c)

- (5) receiving order (figure 14b-14c, page 25);

- (6) generating, sending and receiving authorization signal (pages 7) demultiplexing, decrypting and decompressing are all corresponding and necessary steps to the multiplexing, encrypting and compressing at the transmitting center stations.

Claims 2-33, 35-63, 65-70 and 72-109 are limitations disclosed and/illustrated throughout the Hendricks reference.

WO 95 15649 A (HENDRICKS) 08 June 1995, whole document